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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter October 2011

Dear Philip,

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter. What we aim to do is to provide information which is of use to you and to let you know the activities in which we have been involved. We also aim to let you know of any incidents that have occurred in, and legislation that is related to, the areas in which we work. We realise that, with the broad spectrum of our activities, some may not be relevant to you but we hope you find the rest useful. Whilst the intention of this newsletter is to be useful, we realise that most people are plagued by spam and should you wish to prevent future issues being sent to you, unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of the page.

Regards,

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Waste Regs change (already)

The Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 specify a change but this only affects waste with ionising radiation properties, ie nuclear. SSS will not change the register of legislation now but will include it in the next change.

SSS Director's handiwork appears in Nuts magazine

I know it's not the normal learned journal with which we're normally associated, but apparently, the handiwork of one of our directors is going to be featured in Nuts magazine. In addition to being an SSS director, Alice is a Senior House Officer at Morriston Hospital in Swansea. She was one of the surgical team that reattached a severed thumb to a young man and he will appear with this in Nuts. We hope his thumb recovers as much as it could do with such a severe injury and we wish Alice further success in her progress to becoming a Trauma and Plastics Surgeon.

Civil case dropped

I don't want to mention the name of the company but one of our clients has been contesting a claim for hearing loss from a retired employee. Using data supplied by SSS, we were able to refute this claim and, after a lot of correspondence, the claimant's solicitors have dropped to case. It is annoying that it is so easy for someone to bring a claim against you, no matter how spurious, and you have to put in a lot of effort to defend yourself. But it is worthwhile and one way of reducing such claims is to fight each one if it is defensible; to do otherwise opens companies up to Danegeld payments.

FSC regulations change

Sorry, but the FSC regulations have changed again. FSC-STD-40-004 used the claim "Mixed" for FSC material from mixed sources, even though the labelling standard FSC-STD-50-001 was changed from specifying "Mixed Sources" on the label to "Mix". The latest standard now requires you to use the term "Mix" on your claim documentation. This may seem like a trivial change, but it involves a lot of work for certified companies who use different types of paper, all with the "Mixed" claim and who use automatic links from their management information system to the delivery documentation.

Criminal vs Civil Liability

There's an [interesting article](#) in SHP On-Line. This includes the paragraph:

"For a defendant to be guilty of a criminal offence the jury must be sure of his guilt: it must be 'beyond reasonable doubt'. So, in statistical terms, the probability that the defendant is innocent must be very small. Civil liability, on the other hand, is determined on a 'balance of probabilities' - i.e. the defendant is liable even if the probability that he is innocent is 49 per

cent."

So, another reason to be beware of civil cases.

I hope you have found this information of interest. If you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see, please [contact me](#).
Regards,

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